

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEGUCI 04028 201403Z

65

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 AID-05

IO-13 OMB-01 ACDA-10 /096 W
----- 064617

R 191851Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4252

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

USCINCSO

UNCLAS TEGUCIGALPA 4028

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, OAS, ES, HO

SUBJ: MEETING OF OAS OBSERVERS WITH CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3964 (DTG 132222Z AUG 76)

1. THE FORMER AND CURRENT COMMANDERS OF THE OAS OBSERVER FORCE, GEN. LUIS MARIA MIRO AND COL. JUAN ALBERTO PADILLA RESPECTIVELY, CALLED ON CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR ON AUGUST 18. THE PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO THANK MELGAR FOR HIS COOPERATION WITH THE OBSERVER FORCE UPON MIRO'S DEPARTURE AS COMMANDER OF THAT FORCE. MIRO STATED THAT WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF HONDURAS, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION TO THE BORDER CONFLICTS. MIRO SAID THAT HE HAD NOT RESIGNED AS COMMANDER OF THE OBSERVER FORCE, BUT RATHER THAT HE HAD COMPLETED HIS MISSION AND THUS WAS RETURNING TO HIS REGULAR DUTIES AT THE REQUEST OF HIS GOVERNMENT. MIRO COMMENTED THAT THE SITUATION ON THE BORDER WAS CURRENTLY GOOD FROM A MILITARY VIEWPOINT AND THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO THE DIPLOMATS TO ARRIVE AT A PERMANENT SOLUTION OF THE BORDER CONFLICT. HE SAID THAT HONDURAS' OFFER TO PAY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COSTS OF THE OB-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEGUCI 04028 201403Z

SERVER FORCE FOR THREE MONTHS WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS GOOD

WILL, AS WAS A SIMILAR OFFER MADE BY EL SALVADOR. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN CONQUESTS OF TERRITORY BY ARMS AND INDICATED HE BELIEVES THAT THE TWO PARTIES SHOULD TAKE THE DISPUTE TO A TRIBUNAL WHICH IS MUTUALLY AGREEABLE IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE.

2. COL. PADILLA (VENEZUELA) STATED THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN IN THE AREA FOR FIFTENN DAYS AS AN OAS OBSERVER AND THAT HIS CURRENT JOB IS TO CONTINUE THE WORK STARTED BY GEN. MIRO AS SET FORTH IN THE SAN JOSE AGREEMENT AND THE ACT AND PROTOCOL OF MANAGUA. PADILLA REMARKED THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE WITH THE OAS OBSERVERS, WHICH HAD GREATLY FACILITATED THEIR WORK. HE STATED THAT THE STRICTLY MILITARY PART OF THE JOB HAD BEEN COMPLETED, I.E. THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL, AND THAT BOTH SIDES, WITH THE GOOD FAITH CURRENTLY SHOWN, COULD ARRIVE AT A DEFINITE SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT.
BARTCH

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, BOUNDARY CLAIMS, BORDER INCIDENTS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TEGUCI04028
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760320-0125
From: TEGUCIGALPA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760836/aaaabfkl.tel
Line Count: 78
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 TEGUCIGALPA 3964
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 MAR 2004 by morefirh>; APPROVED <25 JAN 2005 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEETING OF OAS OBSERVERS WITH CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR
TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, ES, HO, OAS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006